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DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS DO NOT AGREE

Democratic Party Leaders Are Divided On Appropriation Question

Washington.—The general problem of Democratic appropriations was taken up in a conference of Democratic advocates of economy. The action of the house naval affairs committee, when the Democrats, after an all-day conference, failed to reach an agreement to cut down the \$146,000,000 to be carried by the naval appropriation bill, was the principal subject of discussion by the 60 members of the house who are determined upon economy.
The party leaders are greatly disturbed by the split in the house on the question of appropriations. The appropriation bills, according to Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, chairman of the appropriations committee, will place the country's expenditures at a point higher than has yet been reached, and economy advocates declare that the appropriations of this congress will be at least \$100,000,000 over the billion mark.
The Democrats who are opposed to the two battleship programme declare that unless the amount carried by the naval bill is materially reduced they will prosecute a filibuster which will prevent the passage of the bill at this session.
Would Bar Strike by Seizing Roads. The threatened tieup of 54 eastern railroads by the proposed strike of firemen was the basis of a resolution for government ownership of these railroad properties, introduced when the house assembled by Representative Berger.
Berger's resolution proposed that in case of a strike and tie up of the railway system for more than a week, the president of the United States should be empowered to seize the railways with all their terminals, belt lines, lands, coal mines, workshops and other properties on the ground of public emergency, and his right of eminent domain and to manage and operate them through the post office department until congress should create a department of railways.
Filibuster Sounds Knell of Bills. Unless "economy Democrats," led by Representative Roddenberry, quit filibustering against what they characterize as extravagant appropriation bills, it appeared almost certain that no more bills would be passed in the house at this session.
The filibusterers are now preparing to prevent action on the \$180,000,000 pension bill now pending in the house.
The naval bill, which provides for two new battleships and carries an appropriation of \$149,000,000, was allowed to stand but the public buildings bill was out until it now carries only about \$25,000,000.
President Vetoes Immigration Bill. President Taft vetoed the Burnett-Dillingham immigration bill, stating in a special message to the senate that his reasons for doing so were based upon protests from various foreign governments.
In his message President Taft sustained the objections to the literacy test, saying in part:
"I do this reluctantly. The bill contains many valuable amendments to the immigration laws, insuring greater certainty of the excluding of undesirable immigrants. But I cannot make up my mind to sign a bill whose chief provisions violate a principle which ought, in my opinion, to be upheld."
Joe Cannon Dined. The heads of the nation, the cabinet and officials, high and low, met to toast and wine and dine "Uncle Joe" Cannon, and wish him "Godspeed back to Danville, Ill." "Uncle Joe," his cigar tilted back along the well-remembered angle, sat back, at times overwhelmed with emotion as he felt the touch of human friendship among the tributes paid him by friends and foes alike.
Set speeches to the "best fighting man in public life" were made by President Taft, Speaker Clark, Secretary Nagel, Postmaster General Hitchcock, Attorney General Wickersham, Senators Root, Williams and Penrose. Representatives McKinley and McCall, Senator-elect James, and a host of others.

Falls Over Bluff, Nearly Frozen. Lewiston.—A resident of the Genesee hill district, John Kane, was discovered on Hatwai creek, on the Lewiston road, in a very serious condition. His feet and hands were frozen. He had left his team to get a drink of water from the creek and had fallen over a bluff, which rendered him unconscious. His team standing in the road led to his discovery and he was found and taken to the home of C. T. Stranahan in East Lewiston. Doctors have hopes of saving his feet, but may have to amputate some of his fingers.

BRIEF BITS OF TIMELY NEWS

By a vote of two to one the voters of the city and county of Denver decided for commission form of government.

Members of the New York stock exchange are considerably exercised over Governor Sulzer's latest message to the legislature, recommending that the exchange be incorporated.

Direct election of saloonkeepers by popular vote is proposed in an amendment to a bill for regulation of the issuance of liquor licenses, offered in the South Dakota legislature.

A government suit alleging that the Chicago & Northwestern railway company is guilty of working its telegraphers more than nine hours a day was filed at Chicago. Penalties aggregating \$30,500 are asked.

A bill providing for a minimum wage for women was passed by the Kansas house of representatives. It fixes \$5 a week for a nine-hour day as the minimum wage of all women workers, except domestic servants.

Every member of the West Virginia legislature except those against whom indictments have been returned, together with many other well-known persons, have been summoned to appear before the special grand jury in the Kanawha county intermediate court.

A man who buys merchandise on the installment plan and fails to keep up his payments can recover all the money paid on it if the installment house takes the goods away from him, according to a decision handed down by Justice Louis W. Marcus, of the supreme court of New York.

"Guilty as charged in three counts of the indictment," was the verdict rendered in Cincinnati by the jury trying the case of John H. Patterson and the 28 other officials or former officials of the National Cash Register company, who were charged by the government with violating the criminal section of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Saturday, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, will be observed as usual as a public holiday throughout the country. In the capital the leading feature of the observance will be the annual reading of Washington's farewell address in the senate. Senator Brandegee of Connecticut has been designated to read the address.

Tuesday was inauguration day in France, when M. Raymond Poincaré was formally installed as president.

President Taft, in recognition of his services in behalf of universal peace, is to receive a gold medal at a testimonial reception and dinner to be held in New York city Friday evening.

General Stewart L. Woodford, veteran publicist and former United States minister to Spain, died at his home in New York. The general was 78 years old.

Jane Addams was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Progressive club in Chicago on the eve of her departure for a trip through Asia Minor and Egypt.

King George has sent a letter to Mrs. Scott, widow of the explorer, in which he says he knew Captain Scott intimately and that he mourns the loss of a friend.

Robert ("Teddy") Webb, the automobile bandit, accused of slaying Detective Hart at Chicago recently, was captured after a revolver battle with policemen.

Incensed at the destruction of their mail by suffragettes pouring acid into the mail boxes, a mob attacked Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst and other prominent suffrage leaders at London. The women were badly bruised.

Disease Breaks Up Texas Legislature. Austin, Texas.—Speaker Farrell, of the house, has excused all members from attendance until March 3, as a result of the demoralized condition resulting from an apparent outbreak of spinal meningitis among members of the house.

Bath Tub Trust Heads Draw Fines. Detroit, Mich.—Fines aggregating \$50,000 were imposed here upon the members of the alleged "bath tub trust" who were convicted of criminal restraint of trade in the United States district court here. United States Judge Sessions imposed the fines.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Club, 85c; bluestem, 94c; red Russian, 83c.
Hay—Timothy, \$14; alfalfa, \$12.
Butter—Creamery, 36c.
Eggs—Candied, 29c.
Hops—1912 crop, 17c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Willamette valley, 20c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 92c; club, 86c; red Russian, 83c.
Eggs—39c.
Butter—Creamery, 38c.
Hay—Timothy, \$15 per ton; alfalfa, \$13 per ton.

NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

Important Occurrences Of The Past Week From Cities In Our State

BANKER O'NEIL SENTENCED

Idaho Financier to Serve From Two to Ten Years in Prison.

Coeur d'Alene.—B. F. O'Neil, formerly president of the State Bank of Commerce of Wallace, was sentenced to serve an indeterminate term of from two to ten years in the penitentiary at Boise. O'Neil was convicted of making a false report of the bank's condition. The court directed that he be held here in the custody of the sheriff until further ordered. He will not be incarcerated until the supreme court has passed on his appeal, which will be prosecuted at once unless the lower courts grants a new trial. His time will begin from the date of his incarceration. He has already been in jail for months.

Dangerous Fire in Wardner

Wardner.—Fire completely destroyed the home of Henry D'Atteley and came near claiming D'Atteley as a victim. D'Atteley, who was alone in the house, barely escaped and did not have a chance to get a coat for himself. The mother and children are in Wallace, where the mother is undergoing treatment for paralysis. Almost nothing was saved, only a dresser and one or two small pieces of furniture being carried out. As a result the family is destitute.

The origin of the fire is not known, but it is believed to have been caused by an overheated stove.

HEAVY SNOW CAUSES ALARM

Twelve Foot Snow in Wardner Makes Tunnels Necessary

Wardner.—Grave danger now confronts Wardner and Kellogg in the form of snowslides. A break in the continued cold weather if accompanied by warm rain and wind will send tons of snow slipping down the steep hillsides and danger lurks in every ravine. Precautions are being taken to guard against any catastrophe, such as visited the Coeur d'Alene district in 1909.

Never in the history of the camp has such a snowfall been recorded. Records show that 19 feet of snow fell in a little over a month. Every town in the Coeur d'Alenes has literally been buried in snow banks.

In Wardner it was necessary to drive snow tunnels to get the streets opened for traffic, and at the present time great banks of snow 12 feet high line the street in front of the business houses.

Replenish Trout Streams of the State.

Boise.—The state fish and game department is making ready to distribute a large number of eastern brook and rainbow trout throughout the streams of the state during the months of May and June. Care has been exercised by the department in selecting the fry, as heretofore a great many have been placed in the Idaho streams which have not been adapted to the temperature of the water, and as a result many have died and others have become stunted in growth. A large number are to be placed in the large streams where the temperature does not run too high in summer, as well as in the mountain brooks and rivers.

Strike Reported in Last Chance.

Wardner.—The Last Chance mine was the scene of a strike recently when five feet of galena were encountered on what is known as the J level. This is the biggest vein of first-class ore discovered in the Last Chance in months, and it is being rapidly developed. The ore lies in what is known as the Skookum territory, above the old Arizona tunnel.

Washington Asked to Abandon Fight On Corporation

Salem, Or.—If diplomacy means anything, the Washington legislature certainly should immediately abandon its attempt to shut the Northwestern Electric company out of Oregon, insofar as the selling of electric energy from Washington to Oregon points is concerned.

One of the most diplomatic resolutions ever introduced in the Oregon legislature, and one which is aimed to show the Washington legislature that Oregon is a friendly neighbor, was that which was adopted by the house.

It was introduced by Olson, of Multnomah, and cites the friendly relations existing between the two states. It ended by suggesting that if there are any grave differences worthy of the effort of great states, that a conference committee be named by both states.